

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A key for a keyboard-based musical instrument characterized by comprising:

a key body; and

a key touch member disposed on the top of said key body, made of a first synthetic resin having a hydrophilic polymer added thereto, and for touching the key;

wherein the hydrophilic polymer has a hydrophilic group in a main chain or a side chain thereof, and is substantially uniformly dispersed in a base within said key touch member and unevenly distributed in an area near a surface of said key touch member.

2. (Original) A key for a keyboard-based musical instrument according to claim 1, characterized in that said first synthetic resin is one of an acrylonitrile butadiene styrene resin, an acrylonitrile-styrene resin, and an acrylic resin.

3. (Original) A key for a keyboard-based musical instrument according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said key body is made of one of a second synthetic resin without the hydrophilic polymer added thereto, and a wood material, and said key touch member is adhered to said key body.

4. (Original) A key for a keyboard-based musical instrument according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said key body is made of one of said first synthetic resin having the hydrophilic polymer added thereto and a second synthetic resin without the hydrophilic polymer added thereto, and is integrally molded with said key touch member.